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Pictured (l to r) Fred Erickson, of Pecan Creek 1st Ward, Queen Creek East Stake, who serves in the Bishops' Storehouse; Julia Griffin, of the Gilbert Ward, Gilbert Stapley Stake, Home Storage Center; Gary Jones, of the Lehi 1st Ward, Lehi Stake, Bishops' Storehouse; Tim Friddle, from Bountiful, Utah, Bishops' Storehouse manager; and Stephen Harms, Oasis Verde Ward, Apache Junction Stake, who serves in the Employment Resource Center.

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Mesa Site Focuses on “Providing in the Lord’s Way” to Help the Poor and Needy, and to Help Individuals Become Self-Reliant

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Near the Mesa-Tempe border, a complex covering more than a city block provides ample evidence of the extent of, and inspiration behind, the welfare program of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Recently, a VIP tour introduced community leaders and local business-people to the fine-tuned process of “providing in the Lord’s way” and of giving a “hand up, not a hand out.”

The complex includes the Bishops’ Storehouse, Mesa Arizona Employment Resources Center, Cannery and Home Storage Center—to help Church members and others find assistance and temporary relief in times of need.

At the same time, each of the services offered is designed to move individuals toward self-reliance and being able to stand on their own.

At the Mesa Bishops’ Storehouse, Church-service missionaries and volunteers from 70 Arizona stakes, help “distribute “commodities to the poor and needy as requested by bishops,” the Church’s provident living website explains (www.providentliving.org).

Elder Tim Friddle, with his wife, Sandra, from Bountiful, Utah, is a Church-service missionary assigned as manager at the Bish-

Ashlee Harman, of the Fairview Ward, Higley Stake, is a Church-service missionary who works at the Bishops’ Storehouse, helping fill orders for food and hygiene items for people in need.



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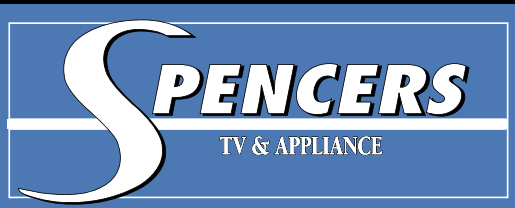
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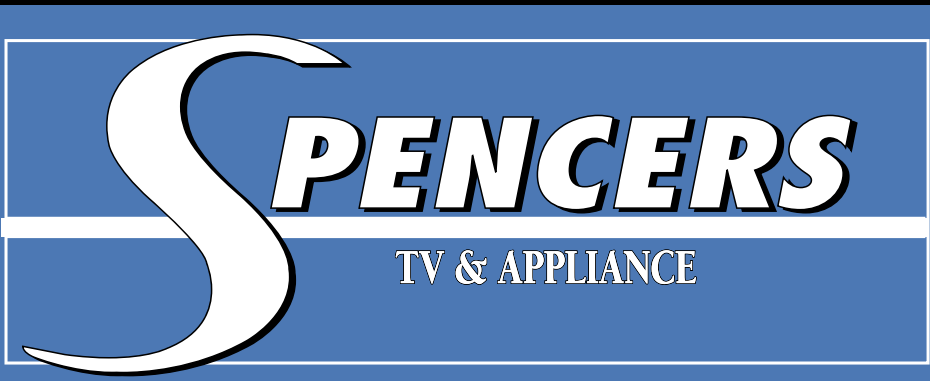
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ops' Storehouse, where clean, fully stocked shelves contain everything from canned goods, to meat, produce, personal hygiene products, laundry detergent, pancake mix, pasta, sugar, flour and other items.

While some products are purchased directly from the manufacturers, most are produced within the Church welfare system—even grown on Church farms or manufactured in the Church's own pasta plant—and then canned and labeled with the Deseret label.

"It's referred to as the 'label that money can't buy,' because, 'the only check we take is a bishop's order with a bishop's signature,' Elder Friddle says.

With a signed order, typically filled out with the help of the Relief Society president, individuals requiring temporary assistance are able to have their basic needs for food and hygiene met.

To keep the process running, however, requires a constant stream of volunteers.

"It takes 35 to 50 people to run one shift," Elder Friddle explains, adding, "Most are assigned, some just call in or show up and volunteer. It's great; what it tells me is that the Lord has quite a few willing to feed the poor."

Some of the patrons help too, as "bishops ask those receiving assistance to work to the extent of their ability for the assistance they receive," the website explains, meaning many are assigned to work a couple of hours each time they receive an order.

He says, "We remind volunteers to be Christlike. We tell them if they do happen to see someone they know that they need to make sure that stays here."

Elder Friddle says there is no question in his mind: "This is the Lord's program. You can feel it. It just is."

To the east of the Bishops' Storehouse is the Employment Resource Center. Again, the center offers a wealth of resources to help those who are in need, whether out of work or looking to advance in a career.

Bob Shaha manages the Mesa center as well as centers in Tucson, Phoenix Snowflake and Window Rock. He explains that a variety of workshops are offered in the center, from professional career workshops to resume writing and even self-employment workshops, to help individuals at whatever level they may be.

"We have workshops even for those people who are not sure what they want," Brother Shaha says. "We do a lot to help people assess skills

and choose a direction."

With the computers in the center, Church-service missionaries can also assist individual to become familiar with job searches using www.ldsjobs.org.

"We help candidates develop their online profile and their 'Me in 30 Seconds', and show them how to include powerful statements that will get their resume noticed," Brother Shaha says.

"The missionaries here are very good at helping with that process, or just sitting and counseling with people, providing a listening ear."

"Often," Brother Shaha says, "people come in, and they are having a rough time



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of it; their hands are hanging down. If we can get them to feel just a little better about themselves than when they came in, we've made a difference."

"Unemployment is something no one should ever have to experience alone," he says.

The Employment Resource Center is open to members of the LDS Church or of other faiths as well, and no recommendation from a bishop is required to use the services or attend workshops. In addition, they have a program to actively look for companies with job openings that can be added to the ldsjobs.org database.

On the east side of the Bishops' Storehouse is the Cannery, a "wet pack" facility where Mark Ellingson, of the Mesa Kimball Stake, is cannery manager.

He explains that Mesa is one of six canneries in the country that produce "90 percent plus" of the items distributed at Bishops' Storehouses nationwide.

"So, our purpose is to produce a large amount of product," he says.

Two stakes assigned to provide 10 volunteers each for each shift, two shifts a day.

In his 18 years of working in the cannery, Brother Ellingson has seen the magnitude and miracles behind the welfare system.

"It's much larger than any of us realize," he says, adding, "The extent of how our fast offerings are used to care for the poor and needy and how much good is done through the collective use of fast offerings is truly amazing."

He says, also impressive is the "magnitude and strength of volunteer service."

He says the amount of good that takes place because of volunteers is immeasurable.

Missionaries and the stake volunteers view their service as a "way to: pay forward, to fulfill priesthood assignments and give to the poor that are less fortunate. They want to help minimize suffering, just as the Savior taught us to do," says Brother Ellingson, adding that it is always done in such a way as to "maintain dignity and self-worth of the individual."

Brother Ellingson continues, "It's amazing to see the strength that comes into lives of both giver and receiver. Both are truly edified, both made stronger."

In the Home Storage Center, also on the east side of the complex, Church members and others package

"dry" food for longer-term home storage. Alan and Julia Griffin, who serve as Church-service missionaries there, say, "It's part of the overall plan to make sure people are self-reliant."

The pamphlet, "All is Safely Gathered In," quotes the First Presidency, saying, "We encourage Church members

worldwide to prepare for adversity in life by having a basic supply of food and water and some money in savings."

Individuals visit the Home Storage Center "by themselves or in groups," the website explains. Some products are prepackaged in #10 cans, while commodities—including beans, wheat and rice—can be purchased in bulk and then canned in #10 cans or foil pouches.

To plan ahead, download or print and order form from www.providentliving.org. (Follow the links Family Home Storage> Home Storage Center Order Form.) Also available on the site are the telephone numbers and information about each of the services in the Mesa complex.

"There is truly a special spirit behind everything that happens here," says Sister Griffin.

"It's the Lord's work, for sure," she adds.

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Ross N. Farnsworth, land developer and philanthropist, who was called a "giant" and a "Mesa icon" by Mesa mayor Scott Smith, died March 2 at 81.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Mesa native, land developer and philanthropist, Ross N. Farnsworth, Sr., died March 2.

In his 81 years, Farnsworth had a profound influence on the community he loved and on the state as a whole. Yet, in his years as a businessman and pioneering land developer who changed the very landscape of the Valley, Ross never lost sight of what he cared about most—his family and the many individuals he rubbed shoulders with and cared about.

In fact, his daughter, Beth Coons, of Mesa, speaking at his funeral, said, "My dad had a gift, a talent. Everyone thought they were his favorite one."

Beth is the oldest of the 12 children born to Ross and Anita, his wife of 59 years. The couple has 63 grandchildren and 67 great-grandchildren.

Their youngest daughter, Jill Farnsworth Geigle, also of Mesa, said,

"My dad never wanted recognition for his service. He had a big heart and he served because he loved people."

Farnsworth never retired, but worked until just days before his death, in his company, Farnsworth Development, which he stated with his father, Joseph in the early 1950s.

"He worked hard, and he played hard," Beth said. She noted that her father has always been willing to give as well.

"He had a generous heart, even when all he had was time and a few cents to give," she said.

Born in Mesa in 1931, Farnsworth attended Mesa schools, then Brigham Young University and Arizona State University. He was involved for 50 years in developing communities around the East Valley—including Dreamland Villa and various Sunland Village projects; but he enjoyed most the opportunities to give back.

"My dad loved Mesa. He was born in Mesa and lived there his whole life. He loved the people and the city and he did as much good as he possibly could for the people of Mesa," Jill said.

He was a former partner in the Phoenix Suns ownership and was

chairman of the capital campaign for a new Mesa East Valley YMCA, which was named in his honor. He served on the governing board of the Maricopa County Community College District, was on the Mesa City Council in the 1980s, served on the board of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce and on the Mesa United Way board for more than 20 years.

A member of the Mesa Arts Council, he was the key backer of the Mesa Arts Center, which has named one of its four theaters after his wife, Anita.

Farnsworth was founder and on the board of Mesa's La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter and that was a project that was "dear to his heart," Jill said. He donated to countless other charities as well.

Active in Church service, he was bishop of the Mesa Cornerstone Ward and a member of the Mesa North Stake Presidency.

"He was a great home teacher and never missed a month," Beth said. "Most of all, he had a testimony of Jesus Christ. He shared that testimony formally and informally and we felt it."

"He was a man of prayer," she added. "We had morning and evening

prayer with dad. He prayed over his food, prayed over his businesses."

Daughter Janet Turk, who was serving a Church mission with her husband in Peru at the time of her father's passing and returned to Mesa for the funeral, said, "Dad was as predictable as they come. ...He chose to be consistent."

She said, "His temple covenants meant everything to him," and noted that his priorities were first, the Lord, Jesus Christ; second, his wife and children; third, Church service and fourth, civic duties.

She said, "He made every moment count with each one of us."

Janet continued, "He taught me how to prioritize my life," adding that he knew and taught "that what we do in this life will echo through eternities."

Daughter, Sherri Gurr, said, "Dad was full of integrity," noting that suppliers, subcontractors and others he worked and served with recognized his "steadiness of character."

Area authority Jim Wright, in concluding remarks at the funeral, said, "I am grateful for the influence Ross and Anita have had in my life. ...Ross rejoiced when others were happy."

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Couple Starts Life Together with **TRIUMPH OVER TRAGEDY**

By Cecily Markland
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Their's seemed to be a match made in heaven—Bailee Brinkerhoff, who grew up in the 25th Ward area of Mesa and graduated from Westwood High School, and Taylor Morris of Houston, Texas. They met at Brigham Young University, both Music Dance Theater program majors. Bailee had recently returned from a mission, and they met at a planning session for a BYU Young Ambassador's summer camp.

Bailee, daughter of Darlene and the late Troy Brinkerhoff, writes, when she first met him, "I thought to myself, 'I think I'll marry him...' It was sort of a joke ... but really, sort of not. I was smitten."

They started dating, building a strong friendship. In November 2012, Taylor proposed, and they set a January wedding date. Taylor, Bailee and his sister, Madie, set out to drive to

Arizona for Thanksgiving, where they would share the excitement with Bailee's family.

"Then our world was turned literally upside down as all three of us woke up in horror at the mound of dirt we were approaching, clearly not on the road anymore. We hit it. Hard. Chaos. Noise. Screams. And then silence," Bailee writes, describing the crash outside of Orderville, Utah.

Madie was killed instantly, Taylor's life hung in the balance.

"He was crunched up in a weird position in the corner of the upside-down car," Bailee says. "He was bleeding a lot, unable to move, and he couldn't breathe."

Bailee crawled out, called 911, flagged down a truck drive, then turned her attention to helping Taylor.

"It was getting harder and harder to breathe, and I was pretty certain I was



Photo courtesy Bailee Brinkerhoff

Bailee Brinkerhoff, who grew up in Mesa, and her fiancé Taylor Morris, both students at BYU, started their life together a little different than planned as, on their way to announce their engagement to family members in Arizona, they were involved in a tragic automobile accident.

going to die," Taylor says.

Bailee got Taylor repositioned and talked to him for 20 minutes until the ambulance arrived.

Though his injuries—one broken vertebrae in his neck and three in his back—resulted in a 12-day hospital stay and surgeries to put 10 screws in his back, Taylor suffered no internal injuries. And, though their initial date passed without a wedding, "Bay and Tay" gradually saw some normalcy return.

One particular milestone, Bailee says, was when "Tay sang for the first time without his brace."

Another was settling on a new wedding date, for August 9 in the Mesa Temple.

As hard as it has been, several things have helped them through and taught rich life's lessons.

"The love that we have felt from so many people has been amazing," Bailee says, noting they are grateful

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Ministry in JAIL

By Cindy R. Williams
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As a church service missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Josiah Serrine was assigned to minister within the Maricopa County jails. The first time he visited, an inmate prayed, "Thank you, Heavenly Father, for sending these men so we know we are not forgotten."

Brother Serrine was deeply touched and knew he was doing the Lord's work. Now, First Counselor in the Presidency of the Maricopa County Correctional Branch of the Phoenix Arizona Stake, Brother Serrine says, "Many of the inmates are ostracized by friends and family so are all alone."

He says, while in the prisons, "I never fear for my safety. If I'm in a room with 15 inmates and someone had an inclination toward harm, you have 14 bodyguards. They are grateful to have us there."

Brother Serrine continues, "This is the most worthwhile thing I have ever done in my life. We see tremendous success, not in baptisms, but in lives changed."

Branch President, Blaine Brimley, has been involved in the program for 16 years. He says, "We have approximately 25 volunteers and teach 550 to 600 inmates a week in six jails."

Classes are taught in English and Spanish, and the number of inmates per class depends on the jail. Some have one or two inmates, while others have 35 to 40.

"We feel protected and guided by the Spirit. ... Sometimes the inmates jostle amongst themselves and are removed, but we've never had anything to fear," says President Brimley.

A typical morning, he says, is to arrive at the jail, go through a scanner, then gather his teaching supplies and a

radio to keep in contact. An officer lets him into the men's dorm and announces "LDS Services."

"Mostly non-members come. Some come out of curiosity, some to change their lives," he says.

Classes begin with prayer and with the inmates singing a hymn or listening to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

"We teach a lesson on the first principles of the gospel, the Plan of Salvation, the Book of Mormon, etc. We never talk about other churches. We teach them hope of a better life that comes from the atonement of Jesus Christ," President Brimley says.

"We teach them that we can all get better. We invite them to take written lessons to their cells to work on during the week. These lessons are very powerful in helping them see the light of the Savior."

Steve and Melodee Hale, from the Kimball Stake, serve in the prison ministry together. Sister Hale says, "The Spirit is so strong. ... Once when class was over, a young man came to me and said, 'Sister Hale, I'm that one. I'm the one you will change.' There was so much joy. I feel I'm able to nurture, like a mom or a sister helping them."

Sister Hales feels they are serving as the Lord would, and quotes Matthew 25:36, "... I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

President Brimley says the Branch budget doesn't cover all the requests they get for Bibles. In addition, "we would like to have enough teachers to go in pairs because another testimony adds strength to the lesson." If interested in helping fund the Bibles or in becoming a teacher, contact President Brimley, 623-937-0450 or Brother Serrine, 480-734-8190.

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for the support, including from family and friends in Arizona who held a fundraising concert to help defray more than \$340,000 in medical bills they owe, even after insurance.

Bailee says, "We have grown closer as a couple. We have a more mature relationship and love; it's like we've been married 40 years."

Most of all, they have felt the love of Heavenly Father.

"From the beginning we grasped onto faith and what we know to be true," Bailee says. "We believe God has been involved every second of the way."

"Over time, as things have fallen into place, we've seen that there's a bigger purpose and reason behind everything," Bailee says. "We are not exactly sure how we are going to pay for his bills, what our future looks like, what other trials we might face, but we do know that with God, all things are possible."

To follow their progress, visit Bailee's blog: tayandbay.blogspot.com

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Photo courtesy of Cheryl Standage

Piefection pie shop in East Mesa serves up delicious pies along with fun events, such as the recent pie-eating contest where (l to r) owner Cheryl Standage, Fox 10's Cory McCloskey, Tanner Standage and Wyatt Henkel joined in the fun.

Pie Shop Adds New Recipes & Family-Fun Events

**By Cecily Markland
The Beehive**

Piefection, an East Mesa gourmet pie shop, is giving people all kinds of reasons to the traditional dessert.

From a pie-eating contest, to newly introduced recipes, to a Mothers' Day essay contest, Piefection continues to add a special ingredient of family-style fun along with delicious, top-quality pies, says Piefection owner, Cheryl Standage.

The pie-eating contest was held at Piefection, at 6731 E. Brown Road (southwest corner of Power and Brown roads), in early April and was kicked off with Fox 10's Cory McCloskey joining in the fun.

Cheryl says two new "Arizona-style" pies have been added to their list of dessert and dinner pies, all of which are made from scratch in-house daily with top-quality ingredients.

"We use no preservatives or additives and only the finest ingredients around," Cheryl says.

The Arizona Orange Pie is the lat-

est addition among the 30 varieties of whole pies.

"We go to the groves, pick the oranges, squeeze them ourselves and make an orange pie that is sort of like a key lime pie. It's really yummy," Cheryl says.

To their menu of chicken and turkey pot pies that customers can either "take and bake" or purchase ready to eat, Piefection has added a new Green Chili Pork Pot Pie.

"It has fresh-roasted green chilis, fire-roasted corn, pinto beans, big chunks of braised pork... it's fabulous," Cheryl says.

To add to the fun and the feeling of tradition, Piefection hosted a Mothers' Day "Pie-fection Mother" essay contest and a Mothers' Day Special, featuring their Hawaiian Delight Pie.

For upcoming specials and more about Piefection, visit piefectionaz.com or [facebook.com/piefectionPieShop](https://www.facebook.com/piefectionPieShop). For quantity orders, call 480-218-7437.

ROCKIN' R RANCH

Opens Day and Overnight Camping Areas for Scouting and Family Activities

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

East Mesa's Rockin' R Ranch has long been a popular destination for family-friendly entertainment and chuckwagon-style dinner shows. Now, the "Outback" provides an area for family reunions, day camps and Scout outings as well.

The historic ranch is known to millions throughout the world, as audiences and individuals have enjoyed the music of the Rockin' R Wranglers, either at dinner shows or via television, CDs or DVDs. In fact, owners "Big Jim" and "Sweet Mary" Robson helped produce the pre-game show for Superbowl XXX, in which the Rockin'

R Wranglers appeared with the Doo-bie Brothers. In addition, hundreds of thousands of children and adults have enjoyed fieldtrips to the Ranch.

Now, "Big Jim" and "Sweet Mary" have created something new at the back of the Ranch. "The Outback" can host Cub Scout, Girl Scout and Boy Scout campouts, day camps and merit badge events and is also available for family reunions, leadership getaways and other group events. The area has hills, trees, streams, waterfalls and ponds stocked with large fish. There are 13 camp spots, firepits and archery and BB gun ranges.



Photo courtesy of Jim Robson

In addition to the popular family entertainment show and chuckwagon dinner, Rockin' R Ranch now offers its "Outback" facilities for family reunions, day and overnight camping and Scouting merit badge activities or other Scouting events.

In addition, those using the Outback facilities can have access to the Rockin' R Ranch buildings, for crafts, lessons or other indoor activities.

"We will also offer a significantly discounted price to the show for those using the Outback area," Big Jim says.

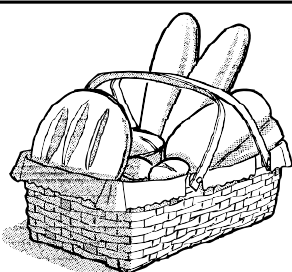
He adds, "We wanted to create an amazing place where adults and kids could come to experience nature and

advance in Scouting, where leaders and parents didn't have to spend hundreds of dollars to leave work and buy gas to get somewhere up in the mountains."

"There's nothing like it in the world," he says.

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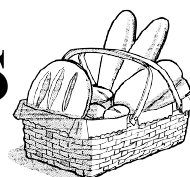
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Mission President Experiences *Miracle Healing*

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

Karl Tillemann, from Ahwatukee, Ariz., and currently serving as the Vancouver British Columbia Mission President, suffered a serious injury that caused complete paralysis from the neck down.

However, through faith, prayers, perseverance, good care and a supportive wife, President Tillemann was able to continue serving the Lord throughout the trial and has experienced nothing short of a miraculous healing.

In February 2012, several months into their mission, President and Sister Holly Tillemann met with some investigators. President Tillemann asked if he could pet their dog, a Bull Bastiff, which was on a leash and calm.

"The dog attacked and got both of [President Tillemann's] hands in his mouth," Sister Tillemann explains.

"Miraculously, he got his hands free, and I helped him quickly wash the wounds. He wanted to hurry and go to the hospital but, as we left, he passed out from the shock and loss of blood and fell extremely hard against a

concrete wall."

President Tillemann awoke on a stretcher with a cervical collar on his neck.

Sister Tillemann says, according to the medical staff, he had "central spinal syndrome" and may never walk again.

"He should have been in the hospital for two to three months and in the rehabilitation facility approximately nine months in order to re-learn how to move, walk and care for himself."

Yet, President Tillemann was hospitalized for only 17 days.

Missionaries in British Columbia, members of the Tillemanns' home stake in Arizona, along with many family and friends across North and South America prayed and fasted for him.

"President Tillemann received a priesthood blessing that had promised a full recovery at an accelerated rate," adds Sister Tillemann.

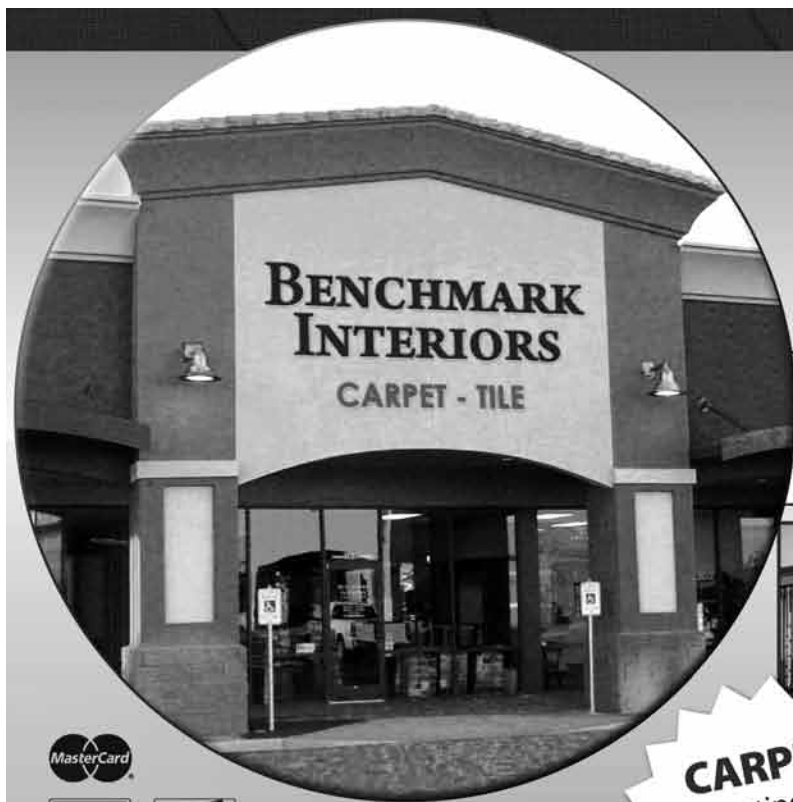
She says, since the beginning of the incident, "Miracles have not ceased. I saw it all first-hand. I am a witness to



Sister Holly Tillemann with her husband, Karl, who experienced a miraculous healing after a serious injury while he was serving as a mission president.

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Sisterhood of Mommy Patriots

Bands Together, 80,000 Strong

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

As a Mom...A Sisterhood of Mommy Patriots (AsAMom.org) began in September 2009.

Now, in three and a half years, the organization has grown to a sisterhood of 80,000 that meets mostly online and sometimes in person, with the mission: "To empower Moms and Moms-at-Heart in preserving our Constitution, country and children's future."

Founder Lori Parker, of Texas, says As A Mom is one of several organizations that are part of The 9-12 Project. According to The 9-12 Project website, it is "a volunteer based, non-partisan movement focusing on building and uniting our communities back to the place we were on 9/12/2001... Our goal is to bring us back to that same feeling of togetherness again."

The "9-12" comes from the 9 principles and 12 values identified as those "that have made America such a great nation and will encourage neighbors to help one another."

Lori explains how her particular 9-12 project came about, saying, "My friend and I had been looking for a way to do something for years. On September 12, 2009, there was a large gathering of patriots in Washington, DC. The following week, on September 25, Glenn Beck did a special on mothers and The 9-12 Project being organized to preserve our Constitution and country. One mother discussed a 'Sisterhood of Mommy Patriots.'"

Lori says, "I wanted to join such a sisterhood, but discovered one did not exist, so I called my best friend, and we organized As a Mom...A Sisterhood of Mommy Patriots." The group is mostly an online group, with a chat room and ongoing forums and discussions because, "to add one more meeting for busy moms and grandmas would be insane. This way, they can

pop online and learn about issues, join in a forum discussion or start one of their own," Lori says.

Along with moms, aunts, and grandmas, the 80,000 members include a small percentage of young, single women and about 5 percent who are male "Moms-at-Heart."

"Five thousand to 10,000 regularly post something on the site," Lori explains and adds, "This is not about

how to raise your toddlers, what kind of diapers to use, or anything like that." Instead, as the site indicates, it is about protecting "our children's future liberties by: working to return our Government to its constitutional roots; boldly speaking out against deficit spending; holding our elected

officials accountable for their actions; and giving meaning to the Constitution by sharing our country's true history."

In addition to general discussions and education, the AsAMom.org site includes state groups as well. Stacy Finch, of Eagar, Arizona, has been the state leader for some time and was recently named to the As A Mom Board. For the Arizona group, which has more than 600 members, see <http://www.asamom.org/group/arizonamoms>.

There are also special interest groups and lifestyle groups for stay at home moms, business moms, moms running for office and more.

"We can always use more volunteers in a wide variety of areas" Lori says.

She invites anyone interested to visit As a Mom...A Sisterhood of Mommy Patriots at www.AsAMom.org. As the website puts it: "Through the centuries, women have bonded together to teach and mentor one another. In the spirit of those foremothers, let us now come together."



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Lori Parker is the national chair and co-founder of "As a Mom," a group referred to as "As Sisterhood of Mommy Patriots."

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Testimony of Book of Mormon Heals Lisp

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

Gaining a personal testimony of the Book of Mormon changed the life of Elder Mason

Trudeau. As a freshman in high school his confidence waned, and he focused on a different goal.

Trudeau. Currently serving a mission in Chile Concepcion South Mission, Elder Trudeau is the son of Paul and Lynda Trudeau of Gilbert Greenfield Stake.

One of Elder Trudeau's favorite scriptures is in Moses 6:31, where the Lord calls Enoch to preach the gospel. Enoch replies, "Why is it that I have found favor in thy sight ... for I am slow of speech; wherefore am I thy servant?"

Elder Trudeau says, "This scripture means so much to me because growing up, until I was 15, I spoke with a lisp. And I hated it. I sounded like Sid the Sloth from [the movie] 'Ice Age.' I never wanted to read out loud in class, let alone speak. I didn't like talking to new people because they would always ask why I sounded the way I did."

He adds, "I had been taking speech therapy since second grade and did not have any progress whatsoever." He explains that speech therapy was tedious and difficult, consisting of doing drills to practice the sounds he had trouble with. He spent hours trying to put the correct sound at the beginning, middle and end of words, repeating those words, then putting the words into sentences, all the while concentrating on making the right sound.

His practice was accompanied by prayer.

"In my prayers I would repeatedly ask Heavenly Father to help me talk normal and ask, 'Why do I have to sound like this?'"



Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Wilson

Elder Mason Trudeau, currently serving a mission in the Chile Concepcion South Mission, says gaining a testimony of the Book of Mormon also helped him overcome his lisp.

"It was during this time that I had a desire to read the Book of Mormon and gain my own personal testimony of the gospel," he says. "I never really doubted it was true, but I wanted to find out for myself. I diligently studied the scriptures every day. I would go up on the roof of our house to read. I thought by going up there I was going to see a miraculous vision or something like that."

When he finished reading, he prayed. At first, "I didn't feel anything or get my vision," he says. "It wasn't until a few days later while I was watching the movie, 'Saints and Soldiers.' Toward the end of the movie one the medics picks up the Book of Mormon from another soldier and it was at that moment that I knew without a doubt of its truth. And that Spirit I felt was overpowering."

He says, along with gaining a testimony of the Book of Mormon he learned a powerful principle. Elder Trudeau concludes, "Jesus repeatedly emphasized the power of good thoughts and proper motives: 'Look unto me in every thought; doubt not, fear not.'" (D & C 6:36.)

As he learned to turn his attention away from his problems and focus on the Savior instead, he experienced a miracle. He says, it was in "those few weeks after I gained my personal testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ that there started to be progress in my speech. I started doing everything correctly with ease and, in a matter of days, my lisp was corrected."

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Drive Construction at Gilbert Temple

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Bret Woods, of the Gilbert San Tan Stake, has worked in construction for years, but his current project is different from anything he's done in the past.

For the last two years, Brother Woods has been employed by the Special Projects Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and is currently the project manager for the Gilbert Arizona Temple.

"I've been in construction basically my entire life," he says. "But this has been pretty amazing, and I've asked myself numerous times why I have this privilege."

He says working on the Temple has been "very different. There is a different feeling, a different spirit than most projects. The atmosphere is different on the site. There is a spirit of teamwork and cooperation, of everyone working together for the same reason and purpose."

Two others in supervisory positions—Todd Smith, project manager, and Buddy Haws, supervisor—both

with general contractor, Okland Construction, are among the many who are working on a temple project for the first time.

Brother Smith, a member of the Redfield Ward, Boulder Creek Stake, says working on the Gilbert Temple has heightened his understanding.

"It's helped me gain better appreciation of temples and all the effort that goes forth. There's a lot of planning, a lot of designing, things that you wouldn't necessarily pick up on just attending the temple," Brother Smith says.

Because of the high standard expected, Brother Smith spends a great deal of time in quality control. He says his job also requires "more hands on, more involvement with the contractors and with material orders."

Brother Woods adds, even with the unique cooperation and camaraderie of highly skilled workers, the project itself can be challenging.

"It's always challenging, but more so on a temple project. There is so



Photo courtesy Gilbert Temple construction team

Project managers and supervisors say, even during construction, there is a unique feeling of camaraderie and inspiration on the site of the Gilbert Arizona Temple.

much detail, so much coordination that goes on," he says.

Brother Smith agrees. "It's challenging, more so than other projects, because of the level of finishes required," he says.

That level of quality is a priority in the scheduling and planning.

"We certainly have a timeline, like any project, but it's more important for it to be right," Brother Woods says.

Buddy Haws, of the Higley Stake, is responsible for coordinating all of the interior construction.

"I've done a lot of unique projects, but nothing like this. It's a little overwhelming," he says.

Brother Haws has always prided himself in producing a topnotch product, but, in this instance, he feels an even greater responsibility.

"You always want to build a good product, but it's different trying to get the perfection that the owner demands, when, in this case the owner is the Church, and, also, knowing it's

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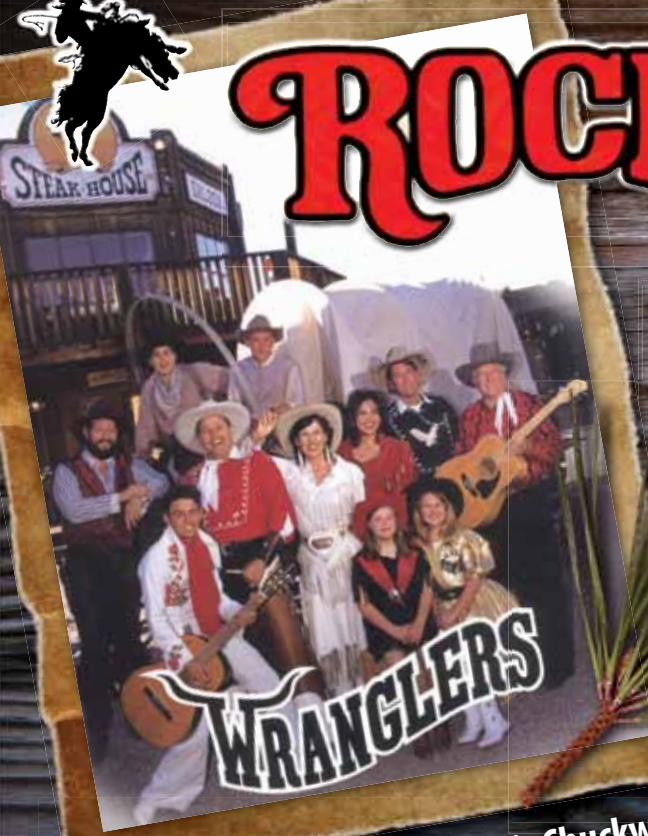


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LDS Students from Arizona Look to Southern Virginia University as Good Educational Option

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Though located in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Buena Vista, Virginia, the small liberal arts college has strong Arizona ties.

Not only is Arizona number six in providing SVU students, two Mesa women—Heather Sandstrom and Nanci Wudel—served on the SVU Board of Trustees for three years and both have arts scholarships in their names there.

According to the SVU website, “Southern Virginia University provides the finest undergraduate, liberal arts education in a wholesome Latter-day Saint environment.” In the fall of 2012, there were 729 students enrolled, 52 percent were women, 48 percent men and the student-faculty ratio was 16:1.

Speaking at a fireside in Arizona, SVU president Paul K. Sybrowsky

asked, “Why would a school from Buena Vista, Virginia, come here to tell its story?”

He explained the reasoning behind the visits, saying, “90,000 LDS high school kids graduate each year,” yet the four Church Education System schools—BYU–Idaho, BYU, BYU–Hawaii, and LDS Business College can only enroll a total of 17,300 incoming freshmen each year.

He said SVU offers another option, where students can have a “life-changing experience” of both “scholarship and discipleship.”

According to Sister Wudel, of the Mesa East Stake, “The university provides an opportunity for every student to shine individually—to participate, excel and be recognized in any area of choice—be it academics, sports, drama, music or whatever the endeavor.”



Photo by Cecily Markland

The main hall on the campus of Southern Virginia University, where many Arizona students and others from across the country enjoy the benefits of a liberal arts education in an LDS environment with low teacher-to-student ratios and opportunities to participate in sports, performing arts and service.

SVU statistics show that 40 percent of the students participate in athletics, 30 percent are involved in the music program and 10 percent in choir.

“Students at SVU have opportunities to grow and develop their talents in a way that may not be as easy to do at a larger university,” Sister Wudel says, adding, “SVU is a wonderful place to be—spiritually-focused, beautiful setting, great academics, caring faculty, exciting extracurricular activities ... It’s

a university that really has it all.”

Sister Sandstrom, who serves with her husband, Paul, in the Mesa Arizona YSA East Stake, says she enjoyed being on SVU’s Board of Trustees and National Advisory Board.

“It was a wonderful experience to work with and rub shoulders with such outstanding men and women who helped build this fantastic univer-

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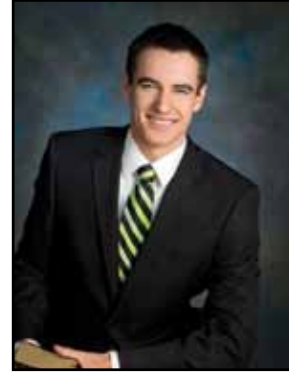
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Jester'Z hosts a FUN-draiser for 4-year-old cancer patient

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

On Sunday, February 24, Grant Lindman, age 4, complained about what his parents, Abe and Kristen Lindman, of the Valley View Ward, Hermosa Vista Stake, thought may be a broken rib.

He was ultimately sent to Phoenix Children's Hospital and, after hours, and into days, of biopsies, scans and tests, Grant was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma, a rare cancer that af-

fects mainly children and adolescents.

The mass they found was quite large, extending from the bottom of Grant's chest cavity to his collarbone and was compromising one lung and threatening his airway. Grant remained in ICU for five days.

When they heard what was happening, Shurlin and Jef Rawls immediately looked for ways to help.

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Ward members, Jef and Shurlin Rawls, helped organize a FUN-draiser for the Abe and Kristen Lindman family, whose 4-year-old son, Grant, (shown on the left) has been diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma.

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American Mothers

Organization Honors Outstanding Mothers

By Valerie Ipson
The Beehive

Each year exemplary mothers are selected by American Mothers, Inc., to serve as role models for mothers across the country. In Arizona, Judy Ward was named 2013 Mother of the Year, Tamara Passey was named 2013 Young Mother of the Year, and Mari Goodman was honored with the Mother of Achievement award.

Judy Ward, of the Westwood Ward, Mesa Maricopa Stake, says, "Motherhood has given me joy, not temporary happiness, but deep-rooted, enduring joy."

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Both Jef, and Shurlin, a member of the Primary presidency in Valley View Ward, had taught Grant in Primary. They also own Jester's Improv Comedy, which, since 2001, has performed more than 2,500 shows, sharing their own brand of clean, family-friendly humor at Theater 168 in Scottsdale and at events throughout Phoenix metro area.

"I have wondered how Jester's could do more to give back. We have donated to things but I wondered how we could do something on our own to really help families who were going through hard times," Shurlin says.

Here was an opportunity to put her passion into practice, and she and Jef came up with the idea of a "FUN-draiser"—a night of improv comedy and a live auction, with all proceeds going toward Grant's surgeries and chemotherapy.

"Although this is a very serious situation, and is no laughing matter—life is meant to be cherished and enjoyed. I'm sure we all agree that the sound of our children laughing is one of the best sounds we parents hear," Shurlin says.

The Lindmans are appreciative that the JesterZ owners and other friends have come together to host this FUN-draiser.

"This is a great blessing and expression of kindness," he says, adding that while they are feeling the weight of the trial, they are extremely "hopeful" and "grateful."

Already, some miracles have been realized, including that Grant has been able to breathe sufficiently well with one lung and a partially compromised airway and, although his heart

Raised in Twin Falls, Idaho, Judy married Grant Ward in 1965. Soon after, they moved to Mesa to rear their family. They have seven children and 34 grandchildren, with one on the way.

When her children were in grade school, Judy was involved in the PTO and as a room mother. And, if attending 25 years of Little League games was not enough, she also supported her boys in high school and college sports.

She admits, "I am very proud of my children and the way they are raising their children, but I've never thought of myself as 'Mother of the Year.'"

She continues, "Don't we all, as mothers, just do the very best we can? Sometimes we do well and many days go to bed vowing we'll do better tomorrow, all the time loving our children with our whole hearts."

Young Mother of the Year, Tamara Passey says she learned early on the rigors and rewards of motherhood.

"Soon after our first son was born we learned he'd need a liver transplant," she recalls. "Thankfully, he received one when he was eight months old, but I had a very different experience as a young, new mother than what I'd expected. I learned to trust God, reach out to family and friends, see to the most important things, and above all, cherish every day with loved ones."

Tamara, a native of Massachusetts, met her husband, Steven Passey, at Brigham Young University. Married 20 years and Arizona residents since

1997, the Passeys have three children.

A member of the Superstition Point Ward, Mesa Skyline Stake, Tamara has spent time volunteering at her children's schools and is a contributor of marriage and parenting articles for FamilyShare.com.

Tamara is eager to reach out to mothers and inspire a "can-do" attitude. "I think young mothers today face enormous challenges. It's easy for a mother to feel pulled in many different directions.... A mom needs to know herself, her talents and limits and then figure out how to be there for her children. When I've done that, even the hardest days are manageable."

Mother of Achievement, Mari Goodman, of the University Heights Ward, Flagstaff Stake, and her husband have two daughters and have been licensed foster parents and respite care providers since 2005.

Among her many community service projects, Mari helped establish a clothing exchange in Northern Arizona for foster families and, one year, she helped create a safe visitation room for CPS. The project transformed a large storage room into a comfortable family room with toys, books, games and murals on the walls.

Of this year's award, she says, "I don't feel like I am a great mother, but just a mother who enjoys her children and tries to teach them and help them grow. I am truly honored to be a part of an organization that honors women for their roles as mothers. I find great



Photo courtesy Cathy Shepherd

Recognized for being exemplary mothers are (l) Tamara Passey, named Arizona's 2013 Young Mother of the Year, and Judy Ward, who was named Mother of the Year.



Photo courtesy Mari Goodman

Mari Goodman, of the Flagstaff Stake, was recently recognized as Arizona's 2013 Mother of Achievement.

joy in what I do in my capacity as a mother and I hope I am able to be a positive voice for motherhood."

American Mothers, Inc., is an interfaith, non-political, non-profit organization for women and men who recognize the important role of motherhood. For more information about their educational programs and community outreach, visit the Arizona chapter blogsite: <http://azamerican-mothersinc.blogspot.com/>



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Arizona Author Signs **EIGHT-BOOK DEAL** with Shadow Mountain

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

He calls them “Meditations,” but they could also be called “James Owen-isms.” While simple messages, they are truisms, concrete direction for life, that the Taylor, Ariz., author and illustrator James A. Owen, has not only lived by, but that have served as his comfort during trials and his springboard to success.

Now, those “life-changing” Meditations will be available to readers

everywhere as part of a three-book deal James recently signed with Shadow Mountain Publishing.

That deal came on the heels—in fact, the very next day—after he penned a contract with the same company for a five-novel series—making eight forthcoming books in all.

Working out of his Coppervale Studio, the renovated version of the first LDS Church building constructed in Taylor, James Owen

has already built a name for himself as an imaginative writer and illustrator—creator extraordinaire—of two dozen “StarChild” comics, the MythWorld series of novels, and the bestselling series published by Simon and Shuster called “The Chronicles of the Imaginarium Geographica.”

Yet, his success has been hard won, including having to face serious illness as a child, working to recover from an accident that crushed his drawing hand and dealing with crippling financial challenges.

Still, James has emerged with more than a “can do” attitude.

“I think the greatest responsibility I have is in showing people that one can face adversarial circumstances and still find a way to use the gifts you’ve been given to help other people and enrich their lives,” he explains.

He has employed

his own “Meditations” to: “Never, ever, sacrifice what you want the most, for what you want the most at that moment.”

He recognizes that he is poised to take another giant step in fulfilling that as the first four of the eight books with Shadow Mountain will be published this year. “I’m entrusting them with my crown jewels,” James says,

The Mediations trilogy—including *Drawing Out the Dragons*, which was originally self-published with limited distribution; *The Barbizon Diaries*, coming out this summer, and *The Grand Design*, to be released in the fall—will be hardcover editions with two-color illustrations.

James says the trilogy reveals his personal story and “the most difficult situations I’ve been through” in hopes that others will understand how trials can “refine you, purify you.”

“The description I hear of them most often is ‘life-changing’ and I’ve been asked, ‘Do you know how many lives you are going to save with these?’”

Similarly, but in a bit less direct manner, the novels of the Fool’s Hollow series, the first of which will release in October and the second in December,

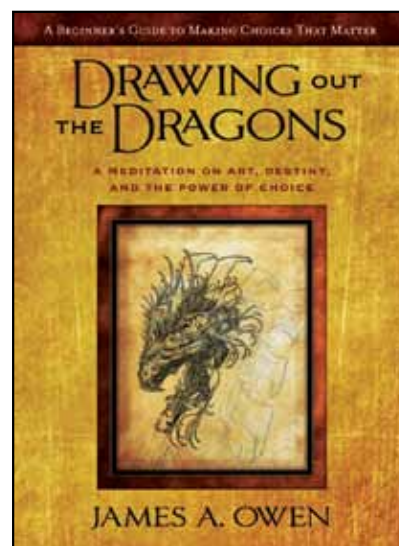


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Drawing Out the Dragons by James A. Owen, is the first in a series of three nonfiction books that will be published through Shadow Mountain.

are deeply personal.

They reveal everything that is important to me in this life,” James says. “They speak of families and how families and stories bind us together.”

He adds, “They are the fairytales behind StarChild,” a series James started two decades ago, but which was never completed.

A description by Shadow Mountain states, “Fool’s Hollow will be a grand retelling of—and completion of—the StarChild

saga and will include dozens of all new, original illustrations,”

“Fool’s Hollow is the work closest to my heart,” James says.

Chris Schoebinger, publishing creative director for the publishing house, says, “Shadow Mountain is excited to welcome Mr. Owen to our publishing family. James Owen is a master-storyteller with a penchant for bringing out the best in people. We look forward to a long and lasting partnership with him.”

To learn more, see samples of James Owen’s illustrations or to read his blog and latest Meditations, visit his new website at www.jamesaowen.com, or find him on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/CoppervaleStudio>.



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Bestselling and well-loved author and illustrator, James A. Owen, from Taylor, Ariz., will release four books this year as part of an eight-book contract with Shadow Mountain.

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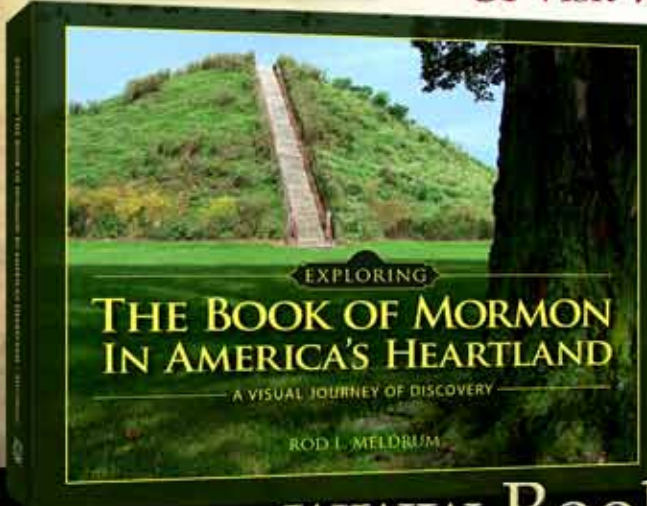
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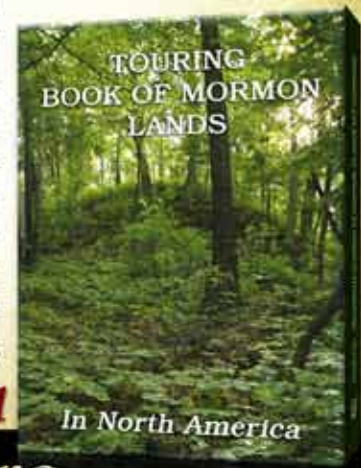
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the Lord's house and knowing how detailed everything is and how perfect we want it to be for Him."

Brother Woods says temples and temple work have been important to him for some time. "I had quite a testimony before, as I served as a temple ordinance worker for eight years."

Yet, the hands on work he has done on the construction of the Gilbert Temple has increased those feelings.

"You can see that hand of the Lord in a lot of things that happen. The Lord guides us and directs us and you can definitely see His hand," Brother Woods says.

Brother Smith adds, "The Spirit does reside there, even during construction of the temple. Working there has strengthened my testimony—given me a little more personal feel for it and helped my kids, so they are able to feel part of it, too."

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sity. Students get a great education," she says, "and because of what SVU calls 'The Genius of Small,' all SVU students have so many opportunities to do the things they love the most, whether it's participating in fine arts and performing, athletics or various clubs or groups."

Most of all, the students have a chance to experience the gospel in action.

"I love how they have embraced the values of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at SVU," Sister Sandstrom says. "The students are surrounded by others who are equally dedicated to upholding high moral, ethical and personal standards in their code of honor."

SVU has a YSA Stake on campus, with six YSA wards, where single LDS students can study the gospel and

can serve in various callings.

"It also gives students an amazing opportunity to meet, date and eventually marry someone with similar values and standards," Sister Sandstrom says.

This is all accomplished in a beautiful, peaceful setting.

"The campus itself sits in a location rich in history and culture," Sister Wudel says. "And, best of all, everything that is taught and accomplished at SVU centers around the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's a place where spiritual growth and service to others is encouraged and promoted continually."

President Sybrowsky encourages potential students to explore SVU and to learn more at the website at svu.edu. More importantly, he says, "Pray about it. The Lord will bless you and you will make the right decision."

JesterZ FUN-draiser for Cancer Continued from pg. 25

and other organs have been displaced due to the tumor's mass, his functioning is normal.

After chemotherapy to reduce the tumor, Grant will have surgery to remove it. "It will be a pretty serious kind of surgery," Abe says, "but the oncologists are very optimistic."

Following that, chemotherapy will continue for six months.

Shurlin says, as the Lindmans face the associated "emotional rollercoaster" of it all, "The community at large are all wanting to help out. Prayers are offered, dinners are dropped off, cards and gifts are sent."

"I am so grateful," Abe says. "We've just been thrilled and grateful to friends and family for their prayers and everything they've done—and now for this fundraiser. I'm really at a loss for words."

The FUN-draiser will be May 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Stapley Jr. High (3250 E. Hermosa Vista Dr.) in Mesa. Dance Studio C, with groups that include Grant's sister, Ava, and some of his classmates, will perform a couple of numbers, then the JesterZ improv comedy troupe (www.jesterzimprov.com) will take the stage for approximately 75 minutes.

To pre-purchased tickets (\$10) contact Shurlin Rawls at 480-962-9262. (Note: Seating is limited to 450.) Auction items can be donated by contacting Shurlin as well.

Visit the FUN-draiser Facebook page, at www.facebook.com/grants-FUNdraiser for information or to make a donation. Additional donations to Grant Lindman's care can be taken to any Wells Fargo branch. For information about his progress, visit his page (Grant Lindman) at www.caringbridge.org.

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The goal of provident living, as stated on the LDS Church's website, is that each of us "prepare every needful thing" (see D&C 109:8), as we have been lovingly commanded to do, so that, should adversity come, we may care for ourselves and our neighbors and support bishops as they care for our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

I think that gives us the idea that when a time of need arises, we won't be sitting on our food storage unwilling to share, but we are to stock up food and other necessities for the direct purpose of being able to help our families and neighbors.

The website, www.providentliving.org, is a great place for advice and recommendations as we begin to make those preparations.

On the home page, click on "Becoming Self-Reliant" for basic information on food and water storage, financial advice and emergency preparedness.

Under "Food Storage" it is suggested to build up a three-month supply of food. One way to do this is to purchase a few extra items each week and begin to build a one-week supply of food, the website advises. Then gradually increase your supply until it is sufficient for three months. The website cautions that these items should be rotated regularly to avoid spoilage.

There is also information on how to store drinking water—what containers to use, how to pre-treat it with bleach and how to safely use it after it has been stored.

Under "Longer-Term Food Supply" there are lists of foods that will last 20 to 30 years, or longer, with tips on how

to store them properly and how much is needed.

Another section gives sound financial advice: pay tithes and offerings, get—and stay—out of debt (available helps include a debt-elimination calendar and family budget worksheet), and put aside some savings.

Another helpful place to visit is the Church's distribution center website at store.lds.org. Here you can order a variety of home storage items, including free pamphlets; cases of wheat, flour, rice, oats, and pinto beans; and counter-top water filtration systems or portable bottle kits.

There is a food storage starter kit for \$31 that contains 28 pounds of product along with recipes and other instructional pamphlets. Shipping on

these products is free within the United States or check with your local LDS cannery to purchase products there.

Instead of recommending specific companies, I would refer you to www.foodstoragereviewer.com, a website that compares commercial food storage items according to taste, shelf life, cheapest price, easy preparation or space savings. From there you can check out businesses and other products offered. Also, look on warehouse store websites, such as Sam's Club and Costco.

As a final, cautionary reminder,

Church leaders ask that we "do not go to extremes."

"It is not prudent, for example, to go into debt to establish your food storage all at once," the website states. "With careful planning, you can, over time, establish a home storage supply and a financial reserve."

Editor's Note: This column is designed to provide Beehive readers with timesaving direction and ideas for safely and easily surfing the Internet. To suggest a topic for a future column or to share an interesting website with others, e-mail: 5adair@cox.net.



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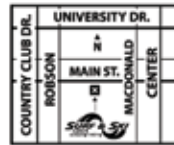
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Downtown Mesa Business Owner TURNS 90

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

At 90 years old, he is still serving a mission that began nearly seven decades ago. “I never served an LDS mission. This is my mission,” says Wayne Pomeroy, indicating his store in downtown Mesa, where tens of thousands of missionaries have been outfitted over the years.

Wayne Pomeroy, born in Mesa March 13, 1923, graduated from Mesa High in 1941. He served in the US Air Force during WW II as a tail gunner and married Cecil Henrie in 1944 when he was home on leave and to recover from his war wounds.

Though crippled and having to wear a leg brace, Brother Pomeroy never let that slow him down.

He earned a degree in retailing from Brigham Young University and a master’s degree from New York University, and went right back to working hard as he had done as a child.

“As a young boy, I had jillions of jobs in Mesa. At five years old, I sold

cantaloupes out of a wagon,” he says. But, when he settled into retail sales, he was there to stay. “I’ve been 62 years in this same store,” says Brother Pomeroy.

Located on Mesa’s Main Street, Pomeroy’s Men Store began as a full-service men’s clothing store. Eventually, they added stores in Sun City, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Casa Grande and Tucson. As they grew, so did their focus on missionary clothing.

“The missionary business got bigger and bigger all the time,” Brother Pomeroy says.

Today, in the one remaining store, Pomeroy’s specializes in outfitting missionaries, both men and women. Pomeroy’s is the only Arizona store in an association of independent stores operating as “CTR stores.”

Brother Pomeroy says the association increases buying power, so they are able to provide double-seat pants and other “missionary-specific” features, quality and durability while

keeping costs down.

“We are now outfitting the third and fourth generations of missionaries in some families,” he says, adding, “Everyone who works here is a returned missionary. Everyone is happy and there’s just a pleasant atmosphere.”

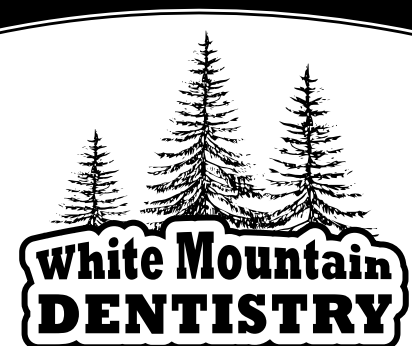
Brother Pomeroy still works in his office, upstairs from the retail floor.

“The only time I’m planning to retire is when I can’t get up here anymore.” He says, while the staff, “still rely on me, which makes me feel good, I have an excellent manager, Doug Wimmer, and my daughter, [Mi-



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Wayne C. Pomeroy, owner Pomeroy’s Men’s Store, Mesa’s downtown missionary outfitters, turns 90.

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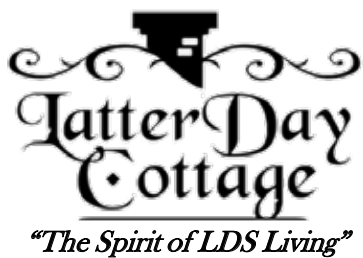
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Man Raised JEWISH Converts to MORMONISM

By Tina Scott
The Beehive

Dan Klein was born and raised Jewish, but became curious about Latter-day Saints while working at a high adventure camp where the directors were LDS.

“Once the kids went to bed at night, we sat around the fire talking about the gospel,” Dan says. “I was interested in the theology of it, and how it compared to being Jewish. It was merely good conversation at first.”

Then, at the suggestion of a friend, he listened to some tapes by a man who had converted to the LDS Church from Judaism. On the tapes, the man explained that because Jews believe Christ is yet to come, he prayed in the name of the Messiah instead of Jesus Christ.

Dan prayed similarly, asking if he should join the LDS Church. That night, he dreamed he was being baptized.

“I had the same identical dream 10 times that night,” says Dan. “By morn-

ing, I was petrified because I knew that I was to join the Mormon Church. It took me a few years after my baptism to gain a testimony of Jesus Christ, to say He’s the Son of God, and really mean it.”

His parents were distraught about his joining the Church. They had him talk to a Rabbi and even sent two Rabbis to his work, who grabbed him under his arms, escorted him out of the building and tried talking him into changing his ways.

“I thought I was going to get thrown into a van and taken to the desert and beaten, deprogrammed or something,” says Brother Klein. “I told them thank you, but no thank you.”

Brother Klein, a member of Aspen Ward, Mesa Kimball East Stake, met his wife, Annette, a week before being baptized. They dated for three years and married in 1983.

“I think I’m a member today because of the support her family gave

me. It really was hard,” he says.

Despite Dan’s efforts, the relationship with his parents grew ever more distant after he joined the Church.

“Painful,” is how he describes it now. In spite of that, Brother Klein continues to grow in the Church. He currently serves on the stake high council and as a temple ordinance worker.

“I’ve had opportunities to be in the temple when no one was there, except security, and I’ve felt His presence. I don’t understand it, but I know how much He loves and knows me,” says Dan. “He’s been with me when I’ve had lows, and when I’ve had great highs.”

The LDS Church and Judaism closely parallel each other with their feelings about family, traditions, and the need for religion in our lives, Dan says. The biggest difference is the belief in Jesus Christ.

“I told my parents, just because I joined this religion, just because I



Photo courtesy of Dan Klein

Raised Jewish, Dan Klein, now a member of Mesa Kimball East Stake, says his parents were distraught when he joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

believe that Jesus is the Christ, and just because I tithe my income, I don’t understand why it separates us, and how they can put that stopping block between us. It’s sometimes not easy to swallow. We’ve got a great family,” Brother Klein says.

“My hope is that my parents find the same church-gospel-guidance in this life as I have. If not, I can’t wait to do their temple work. I want to be able to go to heaven and not say, ‘I told you so.’ I want to say, ‘Mom, Dad, I told you.’”



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Real Estate Broker Focuses on Education, Innovation & Customization

By Emily Robbins
The Beehive

Mogul International Real Estate, though it is young in years, is making large strides towards revolutionizing the real estate business model. Their goal is to improve the real estate buying and selling process for each customer through education and customization.

Mogul International is an all-purpose firm, owned by five-year brokerage veteran, Brandon Farrow. They have experience in short sales, high-end real estate, international real estate and investment properties, with a focus on empowering their clients.

The Internet has drastically changed the face of real estate in some ways. Yet, according to Farrow, the increased accessibility to online listings is an opportunity for growth.

"Just because clients have more access to information doesn't mean they know how to interpret it," Farrow says. "It's all about taking the time to talk to and educate the client. The focus is on

creating long-term relationships with clients, not on keeping them dependent."

Farrow strives to put his clients first, although, that doesn't really begin to describe the way he feels about those he works with. As his wife Bonnie says, "[Brandon is] the key to this whole thing." He simply loves people.

The company has already seen the benefit of Farrow's ability to establish strong relationships of trust with his clients.

A recent transaction with one Mesa couple exemplifies how Farrow does business.

"We helped them buy a house a little over a year ago, and they called this last week for us to help them sell their old house," Farrow said. "It's a wonderful thing to go back out and see them and reopen that friendship. It is so important to me that they trust me. They know they come first to me, and I would never put a commission above them."



Photo courtesy Brandon Farrow

Brandon Farrow, center, shown with his family, (back l to r) Tristan 13; his wife, Bonnie; Layne, 11 and (front l to r) Lexie, 6 and Lacey, 4; helps other families with their real estate needs through his company, Mogul International Real Estate.

All Mogul International clients can expect the same treatment from Farrow. He consistently works to improve his brokerage and to better himself as a broker.

To Farrow, education is critical in that process.

"At Mogul, we have a commitment to getting educated wherever and whenever we can," he says. "In order to be a competent real estate agent you have to know real estate, finance, construction and escrow. We owe it to our clients to be as experienced as possible."

Farrow was recently selected by the

Southeast Valley Regional Association of Realtors to be a member of their 10-person leadership team. Farrow will be heading up an international council, to focus on better serving Canadian, Mexican and other international clients.

Farrow and his wife moved to Arizona to attend Arizona State University in 2000. Currently the couple and their four children are members of Settler's Meadow Ward in the Gilbert Greenfield Stake.

For more information about Mogul International Real Estate, visit www.brandanfarrow.com.

Mission President Miracle Healing Continued from pg. 14

God's power."

The healing started immediately, as the paralysis left bit by bit, day by day. "First his feet, then his legs, then his torso, then his hands, then his arms and shoulders. After a few days, he started walking a little bit and then doing stairs," says Sister Tilleman.

President Tilleman chose to do what he could in spite of his physical challenges. He had missionaries bring files to him at the hospital and started making phone calls for the mission.

President Tilleman decided early on that he wouldn't complain, even though his spinal injuries were excruciating. Sister Tilleman says he held true to his resolve and, at one point, he said with a slight smile, "This wasn't in the job description, was it?"

As a former two-time Olympian, President Tilleman is familiar with hard work and dedication in all areas of his life. He represented Canada in basketball in Los Angeles and Seoul Korea Olympics. He even guarded his favorite player, Michael Jordan. Prior to that, he played basketball for the University of Calgary and has been named the Great-

est Dino of All Time.

This time, though, he seemed to have added incentive to improve.

With a mini-gym set up in the mission home, President Tilleman worked daily toward a full recovery, doing missionary work, physical therapy and then taking another walk in the evening. Sister Tilleman says, "After a particularly long day, I said, 'Aren't you exhausted? You are working at this like you are preparing for the Olympics.' He said, 'Oh no, this is way more than the Olympics. This is my future life that I am concerned about.'"

Another time, she commented,

"Look how far you have come. You are the most amazing man ever," President Tilleman quickly opposed, saying, "No, this is not about me. The Lord has been so kind to us."

The owner of the dog was the first person President Tilleman baptized after the accident.

"President Tilleman has shown incredible patience through this all and a submission to God's will. He knows it is truth what we read in the scriptures... that the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away ... but all things shall be for our experience and good," says Sister Tilleman.



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Mesa Couple Celebrates 70 Years of Togetherness

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Roy and Nada Allen, long-time residents of the Mesa 24th Ward, Mesa Stake, will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on May 25.

The Allens' descendants now extend to the fourth generation of Arizonans, with most of their 7 children, 24 grandchildren and 52 great grandchildren still in the state.

Roy was born and raised in Mesa, while Nada is from the town of Central near Safford, Ariz. The couple was sealed in the Mesa Arizona Temple in 1943. Shortly after their marriage, Roy shipped out to serve in the United States Navy during World War II. That was the first, and the last time, in their 70 years together that Roy and Nada have been apart.

According to their youngest daugh-

ter, Donna Ashcroft, it was a "houseful" and their parents were busy raising the seven children: Rick (Sylvia), Louise Woods (Van), Kenneth (Carla), Marvin (Jeannie), Marilyn Durand (David), Marla Helquist (Clyde) and Donna Ashcroft (Robb).

Even with a big family of their own, they welcomed extended family and friends to their home.

"We always had a lot of family gatherings with extended family and even church socials held in our home," Donna says.

"Their doors were always open," she adds. "Several people came to live with us for a short time if they needed a place to go or needed someone to care about them."

Brother and Sister Allen have held

many church callings, including years of faithful service as temple patrons and as ordinance workers.

"We were raised in the light of the gospel. They were faithful church attendees, and they have an unwavering testimony of the gospel which has greatly influenced all three generations of their family," Donna says.

She says her parents were industrious, hard-working people.

"They would serve anyone. They go out of their way to serve, especially their children," Donna says.

The Allens, looking back over their seven decades together, have advice for other couples.

"Be faithful in your church and temple attendance," they say. "Try to follow the Savior's example."

Sister Allen suggests that couples should choose to find happiness in their lives together.

"Count your blessings and be thankful for the simple things," she says.

Brother Allen prefaces his remarks by breaking into singing, "Let Us Oft Speak Kind Words to Each Other," then says, "Be quick to forgive. Show love

and kindness."

They sum it up by saying, "Never think of things as 'yours' and 'mine,' always 'ours.'"

Donna's daughter, Ashley, says her grandparents put these recommendations into practice and have been a great example to their family and to others.

"My grandma is so loving and is always serving," Ashley says, and adds, "When I think of grandpa I think of him as one of the most patient people I know."

Family members kindly refer to him as "Grandpa-rella" because, Donna explains, "He is always helping mom with the housework, doing dishes, laundry, things like that."

"I just want to help out Mom as much as I can," Brother Allen says.



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Nada and Ray Allen, of Mesa, celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in May.

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IN THE MOMMY ZONE...

By Kristie Young Fairbanks

It's time for another season of sports in our predominantly male household. It's wrestling season.

Wrestling seems to be somehow ingrained into the very fiber of every masculine being in our vicinity. This contagious sensation extends to brothers, uncles, cousins, and even grandpa, who wrestled nationally at the collegiate level.

Every time there's a family reunion, a grappling match inevitably breaks out, replete with macho displays of wrestlers jockeying for position. Whenever there's a spare moment, the magnetism of this oddity of range and motion casts its spell, mesmerizing and propelling family brutes of all shapes and sizes towards the wrestling mat.

My third son wrestles for his high school team. But, the entire strange phenomenon of this sport has me baffled. I am confused at the excitement and pure competitiveness it elicits. It seems to me that wrestling stems from some sort of wayward circus act, where human contortionists vie for guts and glory. Nevertheless, I am told, the sport boasts a rich tradition and those who wrestle are none other than a different breed of athlete, possessing skill, prowess, and the sheer determination to succeed at all costs.

My oldest son wrestled in high school and was

bled on, sneezed on, body-sprayed with harsh disinfectant, and forced to compete in the germ-infested aftermath of an opponent's vomit. Such a lovely remembrance for a mother such as I. But, he survived and so did I.

However, the sport can take a toll on a mother. Whereas, I see two young men fiercely, dangerously, and hazardously grappling, wrestlers see healthy competition, wholesome recreation, and innocent fun. Where I see heads knocked, cauliflower ears, split lips, bruised bodies, and a serious invasion of personal space, wrestlers see endorphin-pulsed excitement, resplendent rivalry, and the grandiose glory of the ultimate contact sport.

It seems wrestling is tough business, definitely not for the faint of heart, where opponents literally share in the bodily fluids of blood, sweat, and tears for a series of two-minute periods. Wrestlers spend every ounce of energy straining to pin their opponent in a jarring, no-holds barred, match of sheer strength and wit. Then there's the curious phenomenon of "making weight." Skipping meals, fasting, strenuous exercise, and spitting to shed those few unwanted pounds seem habitual among serious wrestlers, but confusing to this mother.

I guess I just don't get the whole wrestling concept. I don't particularly like to attend wrestling meets, even though it seems they showcase the ultimate manly competition. I somewhat cower supportively in the corner, hoping my son won't be twisted into some broken pretzel twists.

As a spectator, there's not much a mother can do. My husband likes to get down to mat level and holler wrestling strategies, but to me, the unruly, grappling crowd is deafening. I cringe as the two athletes muscle each other into disturbing positions that seem unnatural, awkward, and painful.

As luck would have it, my son is a solid wrestler, with a competitive winning streak. I have to look away as one unsportsmanlike opponent grabs his head and shoves his face into the gritty, grimy mat. It's part of the sport, my husband confesses, but I desperately want to grace that ornery teen with an exhaustive lecture on the joys of sportsmanship. But I can't. I won't. Not today anyway, because I have to be tough, wrestler tough.

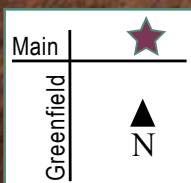
Mothers of these athletes are of a different caliber. I guess I'll have to wrestle with this concept to find where I fit in because whether I like it or not, I'm the mother of a wrestler, snug singlets and all.

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"Fat Tree" Wins Two Big Music Awards

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

Arizona band, Fat Tree, has claimed two big awards in the past months. They won the grand prize in the Arizona Showdown/Battle of the Bands at the Mesa Arts Center March 23.

Drummer, Sam Jacobs, of the Chandler Stake, says, "It was amazing. It's another notch in our belt, really. It's a stepping stone to our ultimate goal of being professional musicians paid to do what we love."

For the grand prize, Fat Tree receives a recording and a publishing package, a cash value certificate from Sam Ash Music, along with an entertainment coaching prize.

The second major award was "Musical Group of the Year," in the Los Angeles Music Awards held at the famous Avalon Hollywood Theater in Hollywood, California, in November 2012.

Sam says, "We played 'Losin' My Mind,' one of our original songs, where we drum on trash cans. The audience really enjoyed it. After, the announcer commented how much energy we had on stage."

Fat Tree consists of three brothers, Sam Jacobs on drums, Kyle sings lead and plays keyboard, Eric plays bass and sings back-up. The fourth member is their childhood friend, Sam Bischoff, lead singer and guitarist.

"With a piano rock vibe, Fat Tree incorporates all sorts of genres into their music, from Reggae to pop to Latin to Funk to rock and back again," says Kyle, of the Skyline Stake.

Fat Tree is known as a "clean, but still rocking family band," with unique instrumentation, no swearing or vulgar language, says Sam Bischoff, of the Mesa 2nd Ward YSA East Stake.

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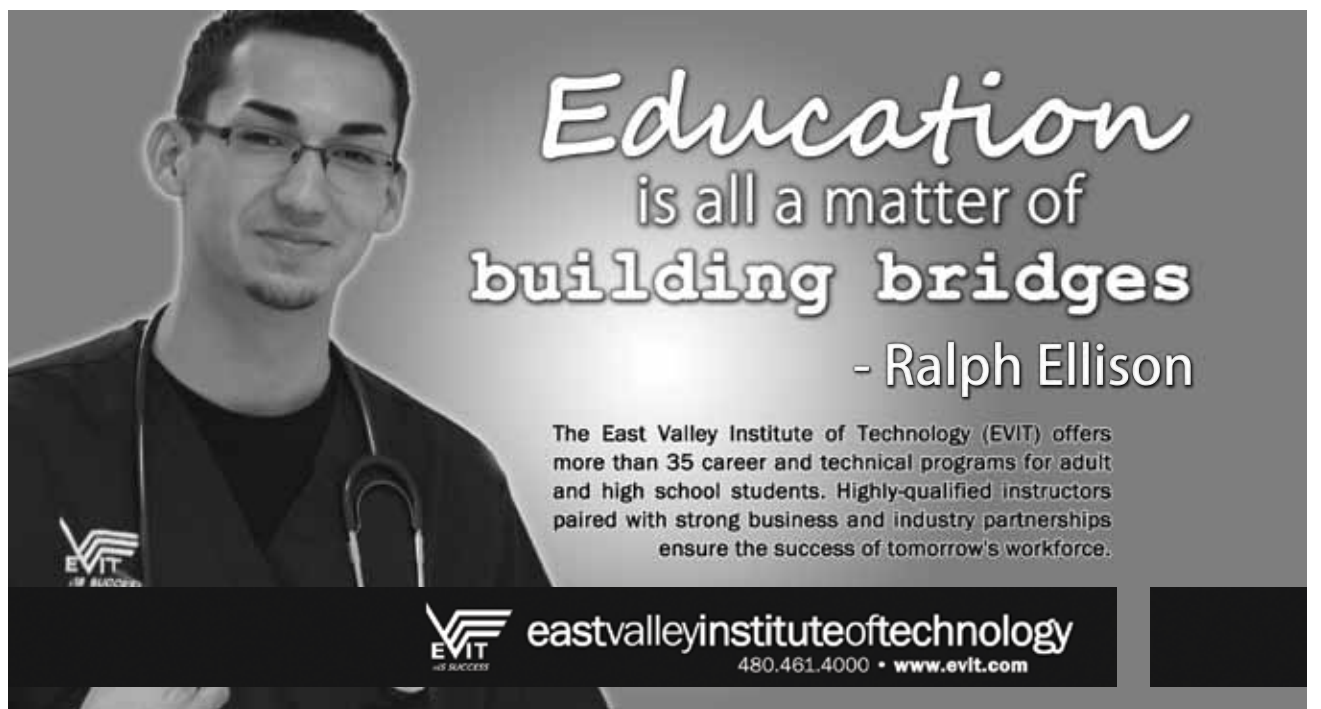
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chel Fluhr], has been with me for 36 years."

Michel is the youngest of the Pomeroy's four daughters. They have 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

The couple has lived in the same house, in Mesa 5th Ward, Maricopa North Stake, for 55 years. He has been active in the community for many years, including serving nine years on Mesa's City Council, as mayor for four years and leading the committee to acquire the sculptures that appear along downtown Main Street.

"The Lord has really blessed me," Brother Pomeroy says of his 90 years. "I have a wonderful wife, a wonderful family." He wants to be remembered "as a decent person. I don't want anyone to think I did anything unfairly. I want to be fair and nice and happy all the time."



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